



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## Deadlines for South Atlantic Rock Shrimp Non-Renewed Limited Access Endorsements Requests, Minimum Harvest, and Vessel Monitoring System Requirements

### Requests for Non-Renewed Limited Access Endorsements

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) is issuing this reminder that non-renewed rock shrimp limited access endorsements will be available starting in 2008 to vessel owners randomly selected at that time from a list of owners who have documented landings of rock shrimp from the South Atlantic Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) prior to 1996, but who have not qualified for an initial limited access endorsement. **To be placed on the list, a vessel owner must submit a written request to Mr. Robert Sadler, NOAA Fisheries, Permits Team, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33702 (FAX 727/570-5490), postmarked or delivered not later than January 16, 2004.** The written request must contain documentation of each specific landing claimed, i.e., date, quantity of rock shrimp, name and official number of the harvesting vessel, ownership of the vessel at the time of landing, and name and address of the purchasing dealer. NOAA Fisheries will not accept claimed landings that cannot be verified by comparison with state trip ticket or dealer records for purposes of being added to the list.

### Minimum Harvest for Vessels with Limited Access Endorsements

A vessel that has been issued a rock shrimp limited access endorsement must land and report on NOAA Fisheries logbooks at least 15,000 lb of rock shrimp from the South Atlantic EEZ in any one of the four calendar years 2004, 2005, 2006, or 2007. A rock shrimp limited access endorsement for a vessel that has not landed at least 15,000 lb of rock shrimp from the South Atlantic EEZ in any one of the four consecutive calendar years (2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007) will not be renewed in the year 2008. NOAA Fisheries will make any such non-renewed

rock shrimp limited access endorsement available, starting in 2008, to a vessel owner randomly selected from the list mentioned above.

### Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Requirements for Rock Shrimp Vessels with Limited Access Endorsements

NOAA Fisheries also reminds owners or operators of a vessel that has been issued a rock shrimp limited access endorsement that they must ensure that such vessel has a NOAA Fisheries-approved, operating VMS on board when on a trip in the South Atlantic as of **October 14, 2003**. An operating VMS includes an operating mobile transmitting unit on the vessel and a functioning communication link between the unit and NOAA Fisheries as provided by a NOAA Fisheries-approved communication service provider. When installing and activating the NOAA Fisheries-approved VMS, or when reinstalling and reactivating such VMS, the vessel owner or operator must--(1) follow procedures indicated on an installation and activation checklist, which is available from NOAA Fisheries, Office of Enforcement, Southeast Region, St. Petersburg, FL 33702; phone: 727-570-5344; and (2) submit to NOAA Fisheries, Office of Enforcement, Southeast Region, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL, 33702, a statement certifying compliance with the checklist, as prescribed on the checklist. A copy of the checklist can also be obtained from the Southeast Office for Law Enforcement web page at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/Southeast/SED/VesselMonitoringSystem.htm> at the bottom of that web page.

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